

The American Farm Bureau Federation, The National Farmers Union, The National Grange, The National Farmers Organization, Rural America and the USDA. So it isn't just that we are running scared or anything like that. I think the major farm organizations are real concerned because this is really something that has come up lately that is here and is going to come about. I don't think we would have all these farm organizations opposing this action if there was nothing to it. I would like to quote Congressman Robert D. Kastenmeyer from Wisconsin. He says, "Heavy investment in farmland will drive up farm values making it even more difficult for small farmers to expand their holdings or get into farming in the first place. Soil and water conservation practices will deteriorate as corporate farm managers seek to maximize short term profits by cutting corners on conservation. Agriculture markets will be dominated by large nonfarm corporations and the family farmer will lose his place in the American farming". Somebody mentioned that big is good. I don't think that is the way the figures show now. This Congressman Kastenmeyer says that "Americans recognize that it is the family farm which has made the U.S. the most efficient producer of food in the world. We are slowly learning the painful lesson that economic concentration does not necessarily result in greater efficiency and productivity." So I think there must be some studies made on this that the large farm operations are not the most efficient, that it is the small family type farm that is efficient. So I would like to call your attention that these funds are growing and that by the year of 1995 they are predicting that we will have 3 trillion dollars available for investment in this area. So I hope that you vote to advance this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of LB 9 to E & R for Review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 38.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 38 was offered by Senator Martin Kahle. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 8. It was referred to the Agriculture and Environment Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Ag and Environment Committee, Mr. President.